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OF THE

GLASGOW

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE,

OF THE

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST,

OF

LATTER-DAY SAINTS,

HELD IN THE

MECHANICS' HALL, CANNING STREET,

CALTON, GLASGOW,

On 1st JANUARY, 1851.

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The following Table exhibits a representation of the Branches, and of all money matters connected therewith:

NAME OF BRANCHES.	NAME OF PRESIDENTS	Elders.	Priests.	Teachers.	Deacons.	Members.	Total.	Baptized.	Received from B. in Conference.	Received from B. out of Conference.	Removed out of Conference.	Removed in Conference.	Emigrated.	Cut off.	Died	Scattered.	Paid to Conference Fund.	Paid to Expense Fund.	Paid to Perpetual Emigration Fund.	Donated to Brother Clements' Family	Donated to M'K. and Thomson.	Total donated for all purposes.
																	£ s. d	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
asgow,.....	Clements	9	5	30	4	550	598	67	11	9	11	17	23	15	0	67	7 9 6	0 5 0	13 15 4	0 0 0	24 9 11	50 14 9
rdrie, ...	Livingstone ...	9	5	5	2	73	94	12	4	5	5	6	6	2	2	0	1 2 6	0 3 0	1 8 8	0 0 0	1 10 0	4 4 2
olytown, ...	Ditto.	4	5	3	2	73	87	18	8	0	2	8	0	0	0	14	1 0 0	0 3 0	1 9 4	0 0 0	1 10 0	4 2 4
llcross, ...	M'Fadyen, ...	4	2	5	1	53	65	4	9	0	0	2	1	6	0	20	0 14 0	0 4 0	2 5 8	0 0 0	1 12 6	4 16 2
isley, ...	Bell,.....	6	4	4	3	103	120	8	2	6	0	0	2	1	1	0	1 9 9	0 16 0	1 6 5	0 0 0	0 13 0	4 5 2
lmarnock, ...	Logan,.....	8	7	4	3	72	94	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1 2 6	0 0 0	2 19 10½	0 0 0	3 3 3	7 5 7½
lbirnie, ...	Jordan, ...	5	5	4	1	73	88	16	6	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	1 2 0	1 6 0	1 16 4	0 0 0	1 5 0	5 9 4
eenock, ...	M'Farlane, ...	6	7	4	1	56	74	8	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	11	0 15 6	0 6 0	1 0 6	0 0 0	1 1 0	3 3 0
itherglen, ...	Fergusson, ...	3	4	4	2	56	69	1	5	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	0 13 3	0 7 0	4 4 7	0 0 0	0 11 0	5 15 10
lry, ...	Jordan, ...	2	6	4	1	47	60	1	0	0	0	5	0	3	0	3	0 15 3	1 2 6	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 17 9
llockshaws, ...	Lynch.	4	3	3	2	44	56	2	3	0	1	4	0	4	1	4	0 12 4	0 8 6	0 7 0	0 0 0	1 14 6	3 2 4
hnstone, ...	Watson, ...	3	1	2	1	30	37	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 9 3	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 3 0	0 7 6	0 19 9
idge of Weir, ...	Melvin, ...	2	1	1	1	20	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0 6 6	0 3 0	0 4 9	0 0 0	0 5 0	0 19 3
aybole,..... ..	Wood, ...	0	1	1	1	17	20	2	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
r, ...	Campbell, ...	1	0	2	1	31	35	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0 5 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 9 0	1 14 0
le of Leven.....	Meiklejohn,...	2	3	1	1	18	25	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0 6 6	0 0 0	0 19 0	0 0 0	0 5 0	1 10 6
rkintilloch, ...	Scott, ...	3	5	3	1	37	49	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 12 3	0 4 0	3 8 9	0 0 0	2 8 0	6 13 0
nark, ...	Maxwell, ...	3	3	2	2	49	59	5	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	2	0 8 9	0 5 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 15 0	1 8 9
nightswood,.....	Cunningham, .	3	4	2	1	26	36	2	0	0	0	6	2	2	0	4	0 9 6	0 3 0	2 0 9	0 0 0	1 9 3	4 2 6
lfron, ...	Walkingshaw,	2	0	1	1	8	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0 2 6	0 0 0	0 6 6	0 2 0	0 0 0	0 11 0
ewarton, ...	Millar, ...	2	1	1	1	12	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0 3 9	0 0 0	0 3 9	0 0 0	0 5 6	0 13 0
uchinairn, ...	Brighton,.. ...	3	1	1	0	23	28	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0 6 6	0 0 0	0 15 0	0 0 0	0 12 6	1 14 0
rvan, ...	Wood, ...	3	1	1	1	17	23	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0 5 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 5 0
enfrew,.....	Hogg, ...	2	1	1	0	11	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0 3 9	0 1 6	0 19 4	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 4 7
igar, *.....	Heatlie, ...	5	2	2	2	16	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 8 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 8 0
othesay, *.....	Douglas, ...	2	0	0	0	16	18	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 10 7	0 0 0	0 5 6	0 16 1
vine, ...	Logan, ...	3	1	1	2	37	44	11	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0 5 0	0 4 3	0 5 6	0 0 0	0 8 0	1 2 9
ltcoats, ...	Steele, ...	1	2	1	1	27	32	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0 3 9	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 3 9
TOTAL,...		100	80	93	39	1595	1907	192	58	20	19	64	35	46	7	139	21 12 7	10 16 9	40 7 7½	0 5 0	46 0 5	119 2 4½

Reported as being in good standing, with few exceptions.

The Branches marked thus * in the Table, have not sent in a report for this Quarter. We wish them a Happy New Year.

WEDNESDAY, 1st January, at 11 a.m:

The meeting was called to order, by singing a Hymn. Prayer by Elder Burton, President of the Dundee Conference.

Elder R. Campbell moved that President Joseph Clements preside over this meeting. Seconded and carried unanimously.

He next moved that Walter Thomson and Wm. McGhie be Clerks to-day. Seconded and carried.

President Clements then came forward and said, "I am happy to meet again with my Brethren and Sisters in Conference capacity, particularly as it is the first day of another new year. I recollect, that just one year ago, I met in Conference with you, for the first time; then sorrow clouded your brows, for it was just on the eve of Brother Burgess's departure. If you have sorrow to-day, it will not rise from the same source, for you will not have to part with me, I am not in a hurry to be gone, so long as I can be useful in building up the Kingdom of God. I purpose to enjoy another year of your society yet, before I go. I have experienced all the sorrow of parting with home and friends, and travelling thousands of miles to preach the gospel in foreign lands; and the sweeter the associations the more bitter the parting.

Our enemies talk about money speculations, but had money been the object I had in veiw, I would have stayed at home, where I could have earned twenty times the amount. Still I am not without ambition, neither do I mean to labour for nought; but I mean to lay up for myself treasures in heaven, and when we have fully realized the promise, "All are yours, and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's," then shall we be rich indeed. Brethren and Sisters, we have the most glorious hopes of any people in the world, and we have the most cause to be joyful; and I anticipate much joy in our Meeting to-day."

The number of Officers present were taken as follows:

Seventies 4, Elders 35, Priests 20, Teachers 25, Deacons 8.

The following motions were then put, and carried unanimously:

1st. That we sustain, and uphold Brigham Young as the President of the Chuch of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, in all the world, and H. C. Kimball and Willard Richards as his Counsellors.

2nd, That we sustain and uphold the Quorum of the Twelve, with Orson Hyde as their President.

3rd, That President Orson Pratt receive a vote of thanks and gratitude from this Conference, for the very valuable services rendered to the Church, in the British Islands, during the period of his Presidency.

4th, As he is now about to leave us for Zion, that we uphold and sustain F. D. Richards, as a man every way worthy to take his place in Britian.

5th, That we sustain, and uphold our beloved Brother, President Clements, as President of this Conference.

This motion was about to be carried with acclammation, when Thomas Barr, Member, rose and said, he could not uphold Brother Clements as President of this Conference, or as a Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; he considered him unqualified; his preaching was nothing but theatrical buffoonery, and in other respects his conduct was very questionable. He would move an amendment, that we petition Orson Pratt, to have a new President. Elder Drummond then arose, and stated that he did not know what the country branches thought of Brother Clements, but what Brother Barr had said, was the general feeling of the Saints in Glasgow.

Elder Campbell came forward and said, All who are desirous to uphold the side taken by Barr and Drummond, may speak their mind freely; ample opportunity will be given you, and I hope you will do so boldly, and without fear.

Elder Clements came forward and said, I want you to come forward, and speak out on this subject. I want to know who are for and who are against me: I have done the best I could since I came here; I know I have been actuated by the spirit of God, and that I have regulated the affairs of this Conference, in accordance with its dictates. Still, I am but a man, and liable to err, and if any of my Brethren or Sisters, have ever seen anything in my character that they may think blameable, I would thank them to let me know it personally, and in a proper place, but not to come and interrupt a Conference Meeting with it, as Barr and Drummond have done, and I will never shrink from a proper investigation. I am not afriad to have my character and conduct scrutinised in a proper manner. As for these two men who have spoken against me, I am glad they have at last came out in their true colours. It has not taken me by surprise, for I have known them to be hypocrites since my first acquaintance with them, and they have been colleaging with apostates against the Church of God. Brother Barr has not magnified his office, since he wrote a pamphlet falsifying the Atonement of Christ; some six months ago, we had to silence him for colleaguing with apostates, and refusing to act in his office. Besides this, he has lately gone against Brother Pratt's counsel and mine, in discussing with the apostate Hepburn, and it can be proven, that both he and Drummond keeps up a friendly intercourse with Apostates, who have striven to do us all the harm they could.

As for Elder Drummond, he has for sometime been known to the Presidency in Liverpool. I am not the first servant of God he has sought to destroy in this Conference, since the period he was himself removed from the Presidency; besides, he can be proved to have been in the habit of opposing his brethren, in Council for years, and otherwise comporting himself with great pride and haughtiness. Also, of having lately wrote a letter to send to Liverpool, for the purpose of injuring me with the authorities there; all which will be proven to your satisfaction, before we get through with the business of the day. In the meantime, I wish

you to speak your minds, both for and against, without either fear or reserve.

Elder Burton bore testimony to the faithfulness, diligence, and upright character of Brother Clements ; he said they had stood together in a place, where none but the pure in heart can stand the ordeal. The course pursued by these men have been the course pursued by many against the heads of this Church, ever since its organization. He showed the absurdity of people harbouring evil feelings against the authorities. They had came from a land where the hearts of men were probed to the centre, and if there was wickedness, it must either be eradicated or the person possessing it must fall. You need not fear that iniquity will hide itself in any country ; you may depend upon it, we are as much under the scrutinizing eyes of our superiors, as you are under ours, and we will be as roughly dealt with if we transgress, so you have no cause for apprehension.

Elders M'Keachie, Thomson, and M'Ghie, severally bore testimony to the love and esteem in which Brother Clements was held in Glasgow; completely disproving the assertions of Barr and Drummond. They said he had ever shown himself to be a man of God in every sense of the term, and all his counsellings and instructions proved themselves to have emanated from the spirit of God. He possessed the love and confidence of the Glasgow Saints, and would still continue to live in their affections.

All the Presidents of Branches then bore the most honourable testimony to the great blessings and benefits, which they had derived from his teaching and counsels, and they only regretted they could not enjoy more of his company. Several of them also bore corroborative testimony with M'Keachie, Thomson, and M'Ghie —in relation to the wicked course pursued by Brothers Drummond and Barr for years past. The motion to uphold and sustain President Clements was then enthusiastically carried, (Drummond and Barr alone dissenting) for the spirit of God now burned with such intense ardour that every heart was on fire, and the very Devils blushed for shame.

President Clements now asked Elder Drummond if he wrote a letter to send to Liverpool, derogatory to his character. Drummond declared before God and this People, he did not. Elder Anderson being called upon, testified that Drummond showed him a letter, addressed to F. D. Richards, with Drummond's name signed at the bottom, and said he was going to send it, Drummond then acknowledged the truth of E. Anderson's statement. Moved by E. M'Keachie, and Seconded by E. Thomson, that Elder David Drummond, be cut off from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Carried unanimously with the exception of Barr and Moses Martin.

Additional testimony was now adduced, by Elders Sproul and Granger, to the effect that Thomas Barr went down to Paisley a a few weeks ago, and endeavoured to poison the minds of many of the Paisley Saints, against Brother M'Keachie, &c. On motion

by Elder Campbell, it was voted unanimously that Thomas Barr be cut off from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

6th. Voted that Elders M'Keachie and Thomson, receive good letters of commendation from this Conference, to the Authorities in the land of Zion, as having magnified, and made honourable, the responsible stations they have held for years in this Conference; praying that the blessing of God, our heavenly Father, may continually abide with them. Sanctioned by the hearty amen of all present.

7th, Voted that President Clements take the Presidency of the Glasgow Branch, in the room of Elder M'Keachie.

8th, Voted that Elder William M'Ghie, be appointed Conference Clerk, in the room of Elder Thomson.

9th, Voted that Elder Thomas Kirkwood, be appointed Book and "Star" Agent, in the room of Elder M'Keachie.

10th, Voted that we sustain and uphold all the Presidents of Branches, throughout this Conference.

11th, Voted, the Saints in Baillieston, who formerly belonged to the Tollcross Branch, be organized into a branch by themselves, to be called the Baillieston Branch; and that Elder William Sillars, preside over the same.

12th, President Clements then said, that Elder Robert Campbell had been labouring in the West, and had done much good, and would yet do much more; he loved Brother Campbell, and would motion that he continue his labours as before. Praying the blessing of God to rest upon him, and may many be added to his labours.

13th, Voted that we sustain, and uphold Elder Frazer, of this Conference, in his present sphere of labour in Ireland. He has had rather an uphill job of it. but he has now broken ground, and has organized a Branch of 7 Members; and we pray to God he may yet accomplish a great work there.

14th, Voted that we uphold, and sustain, all the Authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in all the World.

The above motions were all carried without a dissentent voice, with the exception mentioned.

Elder John O'Angus, from the Edinburgh Conference, spoke of the business pertaining to the day, and said that the spirit of the Lord bore testimony to him, that Elder Clements was a servant of God, and he was glad to find from the testimony of the brethren, that he had not been mistaken. He comforted the Saints with many cheering remarks.

Elder Robert Campbell spoke powerfully, and much to the joy of the Saints, in a few short, but appropriate remarks, on the calling of the Latter-Day Saints, and the virtuous and upright course it is necessary for them to pursue to magnify the priesthood of the Son of God, and beget honour and glory to his name.

President Clements, requests all the Clerks of Branches, to send in a list of the marriages celebrated throughout the Conference, to the Conference Clerk, according to the form laid down in the re-

port for 1st January, 1850. Also, a list of all the miraculous manifestations of the power of God, through the laying on of hands, or otherwise, to be recorded in the record for that purpose. Every case to be attested by at least two witnesses.

Voted that a report of this day's proceedings be printed.

Voted that we now adjorn till the last Sabbath in March; Elders meeting on the night before in the Mechanics' Hall, Canning Street, at Seven P.M., and it is hoped that Presidents, will be punctual to the time.

Our Social Meeting took place in the evening, and, for numbers and spirit, was never equalled in Glasgow: Songs were varied and interesting; Recitations stirring and eloquent; Speeches appropriate and cheering, while the Spirit of God, in copious effusions, flowed from heart to heart, and every thing said and done, was pleasing in the eyes of God and his people; in short, the impression made will not soon be forgotten by the Saints:

Brother Clements wishes to inform the Saints that he has had a letter from your late President, E. H. Burgess. He arrived in the great Salt Lake Valley, on the 7th September, in good health. He found his family well, and states the Saints is in much better circumstances than they have ever been before, and that the valley exceeds every thing he ever conceived of it before he saw it. His family unites with him in send their *Love* and *Blessing*, to all the Saints of the Glasgow Conference.

Book and "Star" Agent's Account.

Brother M'Kechie's Books, as Book and "Star" Agent, were Audited by Brothers Kirkwood and Thomson, and found to stand thus:—

Due to the Office at Liverpool,	£103	13	6
Books, Stars, and Pamphlets unsold,	26	11	11
Debts due by the Branches,	42	3	11
Cash on Hand,	34	17	8
Total,	103	13	6

The Branch Debts are as follows:—

Airdrie, £1. 7s. 7d.; Old Debts, £4. 7. 11½d,	£5	15	6½
Holytown,	4	19	10½
Lanark,	3	4	5½
Greenock,	3	1	1½
Paisley,	1	5	7½
Johnstone, (Old Debt,)	1	12	0
Kilmarnock,	1	9	4
Dalry,	2	3	9
Stewarton,	0	4	11½
Ayr,	1	13	9½
Lugar,	1	15	10
Balfron,	0	6	0
Rothesay,	0	4	10½
	27	17	0

Brought Forward, ...	L.27	17	0
Maybole, (Old Debt.).....	0	4	0
R. Brighton,.....	0	15	
Bridge of Weir,.....	0	3	1½
Glasgow,.....	6	16	7
Tollcross,.....	5	16	3½
Irvine, ...	0	11	9
	42	3	11

President Clements' Books, as Treasurer for the Perpetual and Conference Funds, were Audited by Brothers Campbell and M'Ghie and found to be quite correct. They stood thus :—

Total collected for Perpetual Emigration Fund,	40	7	7½
Sent to Liverpool on 1st October, and for which President Clements holds a receipt, ...	30	13	7½
By Cash on Hand,.....	9	13	0
Total	40	7	7½

Conference Fund.

Total Amount Collected,.....	19	3	1
Board, Washing, and Rent of Room for President Clements	5	0	0
Clothing for ditto,.....	3	6	0
Travelling Expenses to Manchester Conference,.....	2	0	0
To President Clements' Family.....	2	0	0
Conference Books, Paper, Ink, and Stamps	1	12	6
Invitations for Ayr Branch, ...	0	5	6
To Elder Campbell,.....	2	0	0
Travelling Elder's Board,.....	3	0	0
Total,.....	£19	4	0

There are some things in these Tables worthy of notice:—First, it will be seen by a reference to the table, that, with very few exceptions, the amount of Conference Fund does not correspond with the number of Members represented.

Second, many branches are too deep in debt for Books, Stars, &c. President Clements would like the Presidents to devise some method whereby all will be clear of debt by next Conference.

Third, a reference to the column devoted to President Clements' Family, will show that it is empty all to 5s.

JOSEPH CLEMENTS, *President.*

WALTER THOMPSON and WM. M'GHIE, *Secretaries.*

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